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Arthur van Gorkum

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1. The report of previous experience with Arthur Marcel van Gorkum convinces Headquarters that field proposal for using his services as spy for Swedish lands for recruitment of indigenous agents should be rejected. Near thorough presentation has given Headquarters a complete dossier on Arthur van Gorkum which serves to confirm conclusions previously reached by various interested offices.

2. A brief record of previous KRAM experience with subject includes the following:

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1. A case officer now located here, who had personal contacts with van Gorkum in 1942, says that van Gorkum is not really worthy of any operational exploitation. In the past, van Gorkum gave us no end of trouble, with vague allegations against people, information which later proved to be either insubstantive or false. Subject is described as a man of no substance.

2. At one time, subject proposed to KRAM that he finance an operation for the defection of Russian military personnel when he believed he could contact. He expressed interest, but conditioned any financial support on the production of at least one defector, which he stated would be evidence of subject's ability and good faith. He reported Kramarov as a defector who had arrived in Munich. Kramarov disappeared before we could get our hands on him. Subject also reported Peter Pavlov, a Russian sergeant. He also failed to materialize. (ADM-1-10722, 12 March 1952)

3. In February 1952 it was proposed to use van Gorkum as cover for a [] refugee center in Vienna. (FRAN 6424). When [] was informed regarding van Gorkum's activities, he stated that he

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would tell [] to hold off as he did not believe von Geyden would be suitable for the job proposed. (Ref: 1379, 30 February 1952)

3. As stated in DIX 21000, all FF proposals are being closely scrutinized and those of marginal value are not recommended. Support of the publication "Licht" would definitely come under the marginal category.

4. Although the financial commitment would be relatively minor, Headquarters believes that in view of the above, even such limited expenditure would not be justified.

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